H. R. 1181

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mrs. CUBIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Resources

A BILL

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seeable circumstances.

1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may shall be known as the ''Mineral Leasing

5   Act Amendments of 2005''.

6   **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE MINERAL LEASING ACT OF**

7   **1920.**

8   Section 31(d)(2) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30

9   U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by striking subparagraphs

10   (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

1   ''(A) with respect to any lease that termi-

2   nates under subsection (b) on or after Sep-

3   tember 1, 2001, but less than 60 days after the

4   date of the enactment of the Mineral Leasing

5   Act Amendments of 2005, the lessee files a pe-

6   tition for reinstatement (together with the re-

7   quired back rental and royalty accruing after

8   the date of termination) within 120 days after

9   the date of the enactment of the Mineral Leas-

10   ing Act Amendments of 2005 or within 60 days

11   after receiving the notice of termination sent by

12   the Secretary by certified mail, whichever is

13   later; or

14   ''(B) with respect to any lease that termi-

15   nates under subsection (b) on or after 60 days

16   after the date of the enactment of the Mineral

17   Leasing Act Amendments of 2005, a petition

18   for reinstatement (together with the required

19   back rental and royalty accruing after the date

20   of termination) is filed on or before 60 days

21   after receipt of the notice of termination sent

22   by the Secretary by certified mail to all lessees

23   of record.

1 This paragraph does not apply to any lessee who received
2 a notice of termination less than 13 months after termi-
3 nation.''.

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